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AMONG OUR MANUSCRIPTS

ASSOCIATIONS OF DAVID HOSACK

This age of rush and hurry has eliminated much uninteresting but necessary labor on the part of the doctor as well as the business man. It seems incredible that only a hundred or so years ago the physician had to pause in the practice of his profession for the more simple task of writing out all his letters and lectures. But it is this fact alone that has given us many interesting documents, and we harbor no envy toward those of the future who must work on the impersonal typewritten sheets that are the manuscripts of today.

The name of David Hosack is familiar to all who have dipped into the medical history of this country. It is fitting that a library situated in the city where he was born, where he practiced and where he taught for so many years should be in possession of so much that has come from his hand, so much that cannot be duplicated. Through the kindness of a Fellow of the Academy, Dr. Alfred M. Hellman, this library has upon its shelves several manuscripts written by Dr. Hosack, his lectures on botany, on materia medica, two memorandum books, and a "List of private pupils educated in the office of D Hosack from the year 1795." The latter is prefaced by a copy of the "Regulations to be observed by the private pupils of medecine [sic] in the office of David Hosack," to which the names of the students are subscribed. The rules are as follows:

1) The Hours of attendance to be from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. excepting the time of meals and attendance upon Lectures or the Hospital.

- 2) No gentleman will leave the city or absent himself from the office to go into the country without previously consulting his instructor excepting during the vacation in the month of August.
- 3) The duties of the office viz preparing the medecines prescribed, keeping a Register of the weather to be done in rotation.
- 4) No conversation to be held upon any other than medical subjects or such as are connected with medicine.
- No Books to be read in the office but such as relate to medecine and its collateral branches.
- 6) No Tobacco or Spiritous liquors to be made use of in the office.

His lectures were written about 1804 when he was professor of materia medica at Columbia. His memorandum books cover a longer period of time. The earlier one, started in 1795, contains his accounts. The other, dating from about 1811, consists of notations on medical subjects, which he jotted down whenever he found something he felt of unusual interest. These continue up to the year of his death, 1835.

From another source has come a manuscript, not written by Dr. Hosack, but full of interesting and personal material. This is a well thumbed folio in which his letters have been copied, perhaps by some of his students, perhaps by members of his family, sometimes dashed off in a most undecipherable hand, sometimes painstakingly entered by a firm round hand, and occasionally corrected in the hand of Dr. Hosack. The greater part of the correspondence is on the subject of yellow fever. It was at this time that he was editing the Medical and Philosophical Register, and many letters were sent to doctors in this country, the West Indies, and other places which had witnessed the ravages of fever epidemics, in order that their opinions might be included in the material for this publication. These letters were sent to such men as Samuel Bard, William Currie, Colin Chisholm, Timothy Dwight and Noah Webster. The Elgin Botanic Garden which he had founded, formed the subject of a number of other letters. Dr. Hosack, desiring to make a disposal of this property to the State, found that "a vile attempt has been made by

Dr. [Nickolaus] Romeyne to defeat my application." was six months before he could overcome this opposition. From one letter we find that it is to Dr. Hosack that we are indebted for Sully's familiar portrait of Dr. Benjamin Rush, sitting at his desk, his glasses pushed well back on his forehead, his right hand resting on an open book. Hosack wrote to Sully, asking him to paint the portrait, in April, 1812, just a vear before Dr. Rush's death. painting was soon begun, but evidently the artist did not agree with Dr. Hosack that it would be improved by "throwing into the background a distant view of your city [Philadelphia] Hospital or University to which Dr. Rush's labours have been so much devoted." Later, however, engraved copies appeared in which Dr. Hosack's advice has been taken, for we find in some of these that the background of his study has been ignored by the engraver who has substituted the "distant view" of the Pennsylvania Hospital. How Sully felt about it was another matter. A few months after Dr. Rush's death Hosack wrote to his son, Richard Rush, that he would send him "by the first private conveyance a proof impression of an engraving made from the original portrait in my possession that done in Philadelphia is by no means well done—Sully is mortified at it after seeing mine." Another letter of interest is that addressed to Dr. Alvre Raffeneau Delile. April 9, 1808, describing the operation for which Dr. Hosack is so well known, that of tying the femoral artery for aneurism. The operation was performed just nine days before this was written. The many letters of introduction which we find in this volume indicate the varied extent of his friends on both sides of the water: Washington Irving, Benjamin Smith Barton, Wright Post, on this side; John Bostock, Sir James Edward Smith, John Coakley Lettsom and others of England. Then, too, we find among his patients many people of note. It is interesting to see that Dr. Hosack, the surgeon who was in attendance at the Burr-Hamilton duel, kept up his friendship with the Burr family, for in 1808 we find him writing most cordial letters to Joseph Alston and his wife, Theodosia

Burr. There are over a hundred letters in all, few of which are directed to any but well known and important people. We are grateful indeed for such a glimpse into the life of this active and much respected gentleman.

GERTRUDE L. ANNAN.

PROCEEDINGS OF ACADEMY MEETINGS

DECEMBER

STATED MEETINGS

Thursday Evening, December 5, at 8:30 o'clock

Program presented in cooperation with the Sections of Surgery and Medicine.

ORDER

- 1. Executive Session
 - a. Election of officers
 - b. Vote on proposed amendments to Constitution and By-laws
 - c. Supplementary report of Nominating Committee
 - d. Nomination of Honorary Fellows
 - e. Election of Fellows

II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING

- a. The treatment of peptic ulcer, Thomas R. Brown, Baltimore (by invitation)
- b. Ulcers of the duodenum and stomach, Frank Lahey, Boston (by invitation)

III. Discussion

Dudley Roberts, Mills Sturtevant, Hermann Fischer, Fordyce B. St. John

Thursday Evening, December 19, at 8:30 o'clock

THE THIRD HARVEY LECTURE

Some phases of the filterable virus problem, Ernest W. Goodpasture, Professor of Pathology, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

G. CANBY ROBINSON, President Harvey Society

DAYTON J. EDWARDS, Secretary Harvey Society

This lecture takes the place of the second Stated Meeting of the Academy for December.

SECTION MEETINGS

SECTION OF DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILOLOGY

Tuesday Evening, December 3, at 7:45 o'clock

ORDER

- I. PRESENTATION OF PATIENTS
 - a. Cases from the Mt. Sinai Hospital
 - b. Cases from the Good Samaritan Dispensary
- II. MISCELLANEOUS CASES
- III. DISCUSSION OF CASES
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Note: Examination of cases is limited to members and their invited guests

SECTION OF NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY

Monday Evening, December 9, at 8:30 o'clock (Please note change in date)

ORDER

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES
- II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING
 - a. Narcolepsy associated with chronic encephalitis, Walter Bromberg (by invitation)
 - A discussion of some errors in the diagnosis of schizophrenia, C.
 Macfie Campbell (by invitation)
 - Discussion, Henri Claude, Paris (by invitation), Ernst Kretschmer, Marburg (by invitation), David K. Henderson, Glasgow (by invitation), Walther Spielmeyer, Munich (by invitation), Constantin von Economo, Vienna (by invitation)
 - Some observations on recent advances in psychiatry with special reference to schizophrenia, Eugen Bleuler, Zurich, Switzerland (by invitation)
 - Discussion, Henri Claude, Paris (by invitation), Ernst Kretschmer, Marburg (by invitation), David K. Henderson, Glasgow (by invitation), Walther Spielmeyer, Munich (by invitation), Constantin von Economo, Vienna (by invitation)
- III. GENERAL DISCUSSION
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

SECTION OF PEDIATRICS

Thursday Evening, December 12, at 8:30 o'clock

ORDER

- I. Papers of the Evening
 - a. Blood volume studies in dehydration, Rustin McIntosh, Baltimore
 - Cause of the acidosis associated with diarrhoea, L. Emmett Holt, jr., Baltimore (by invitation)

- c. Treatment of anemia in infancy, Hugh Josephs, Baltimore (by invitation)
- d. Changes in serum electrolytes in rickets, Bengt Hamilton, Baltimore (by invitation)
- e. Earliest anatomical change in rickets, Edwards A. Park, Baltimore (by invitation)
- Discussion, Oscar M. Schloss, Martha Wollstein, Benjamin Kramer, Alwin M. Pappenheimer

SECTION OF OTOLOGY

Friday Evening, December 13, at 8:30 o'clock

ORDER

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES
- II. PRESENTATION OF SPECIMENS
- III. CASE REPORTS
- IV. PAPERS OF THE EVENING
 - a. The physiology and clinical examination of the labyrinth. Lantern slides, J. D. Whitham (by invitation)
 - b. The clinical pathology of mastoiditis with special reference to bacteriemia and blood transfusions, A. A. Eggston
- V. GENERAL DISCUSSION
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

SECTION OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Monday Evening, December 16, at 8:30 o'clock

ORDER

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES
- II. PRESENTATILON OF CASES
- III. DEMONSTRATIONS
 - a. 1. Implantation cysts
 - Myopic crescents with associated choriovaginal veins (lantern slides), Louise H. Meeker (by invitation)
 - b. Aids to ophthalmoscopy, Algernon B. Reese
- IV. PAPERS OF THE EVENING
 - a. Ocular movements, Cornelis D. Verrijp, Leyden, Holland (by invitation)
 - b. The vision of preschool children. An analytical study of 982 children by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness (lantern slides) B. Franklin Royer (by invitation)
- V. GENERAL DISCUSSION
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section of Genito-Uninary Surgery Wednesday Evening, December 18, at 8:30 o'clock

ORDER

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES
- II. PRESENTATION BY POST-GRADUATE HOSPITAL UROLOGICAL STAFF
 - a. An interesting case of renal tumor, J. Sidney Ritter
 - b. A clinico-anatomical study of the vesical neck, Joseph A. Hyams, Samuel E. Kramer (by invitation)
 - c. Factors influencing motility of spermatozoa in semen, C. Travers Stepita, John A. Killian, Ph.D. (by invitation)
 - d. Solitary cyst of kidney with resection, George F. Cahill
 - e. Vesical neck obstruction with large vesical calculus. Bilateral hydroureters with hydronephrosis, double left kidney and ureter, Clarence G. Bandler, Joseph A. Hyams
 - f. Functional end results in renal injury, Stanley R. Woodruff
 - g. Hemi-nephrectomy in pyonephrotic horseshoe kidney, Joseph F. McCarthy
- III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

SECTION OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

Friday Evening, December 20, at 8:30 o'clock

ORDER

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES
- II. PAPER OF THE EVENING

Contractions of the hand, Sumner L. Koch, Chacigo (by invitation) Discussion to be opened by Hugh Auchincless

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section of Laryngology and Rhinology Friday Evening, December 20, at 8:30 o'clock (Please note change in date and time)

ORDER

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES
- II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING

Subject: Vaso-motor disturbances in rhinology

a. Allergy in rhinology, Robert A. Cooke

Discussion, Alexander C. Howe

- b. Relation of sinus disease to vaso-motor disturbances, Lee M. Hurd
- c. Diagnosis of vaso-motor disturbances of the nose, Louis Hubert
- III. GENERAL DISCUSSION
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Thursday Evening, December 26, at 8:30 o'clock
(Please note change in date)

ORDER

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES
- II. PAPER OF THE EVENING

Laparo-trachelotomy

A motion picture in 8 reels with movietone, Joseph B. DeLee, Chicago (by invitation), Edwin G. Langrock introduced M. Edward Davis, Chicago (by invitation)

Discussion, Frederick C. Holden, I. C. Rubin

- III. GENERAL DISCUSSION
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

New York Meeting of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine under the auspices of

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE Wednesday Evening, December 18, at 8:15 o'clock

- I. Utilization of fat by resting and exercising muscles of diabetic dogs, H. E. Himwich, H. Friedman, E. Berry, W. H. Chambers
- II. The so-called hyperglycemic action of insulin, I. Neuwirth, F. CoTui, G. B. Wallace
- III. Influence of acid and base-forming feeding on growth, E. L. Samuel,
 I. N. Kugelmass
- IV. Effect of division of dorsal roots of cervical nerves upon diaphragmatic respiratory movements, H. C. Coombs
- V. A method for determining the chill producing properties of anti-pneumococci serum, A. B. Sabin, G. B. Wallace

New YORK PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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Monday Evening, December 23, at 8:30 o'clock

Evening, December 23, at 8:30 o'clock (Please note change in date)

ORDER

- I. PAPERS OF THE EVENING
 - a. Adeno-fibro-sarcoma of the breast, Lawrence Sophian (by invitation)
 - b. Cellular fibroma of the pleura, Angelo M. Sala
 - c. Aneurysm of the bronchial artery, Angelo M. Sala, Mendel Jacobi
 - d. Aneurysm of aorta rupturing into superior vena cava, Lawrence H. Cotter
 - e. Anomalous ramifications of the coronary artery, William A. Antopol,
 M. A. Kugel
 - f. A case of Schilder's encephalitis, L. W. Smith, I. Scheffer (by invitation)
- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

HONORARY FELLOWS ELECTED JANUARY 2, 1930

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That the membership of the Committee and the full control does not rest with the governing body of the Academy. The Chairman of the Committee is stipulated in advance and part of the income of the fund is to be paid to the Chairman for life.

This is the fifth specific bequest or gift that has been declined by the Academy during the past four years for similar reasons.

It is suggested again that if Fellows or other friends plan to leave a bequest to the Academy, they should consult with a Trustee or officer of the Academy before reaching a final decision.

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